

## H.R. 6018, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to collect overpayments of specially adapted housing assistance

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on March 12, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2025	2020-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	<b>No</b>	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	<b>No</b>
		Contains private-sector mandate?	<b>No</b>

\* = between -\$500,000 and zero.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides housing grants to veterans who have service-connected disabilities that involve the loss of eyesight, the loss of use of limbs, or severe burns. Veterans can use those grants to adapt their current homes (or acquire new homes with adaptations) to increase their mobility and enhance their ability to live independently. Under current law, VA is not authorized to recover overpayments made for those grants; H.R. 6018 would give the department the discretion to do so. According to VA, overpayments occur infrequently and in small amounts; thus, CBO estimates that allowing the department to recover them would decrease direct spending (the result of increased receipts) by an insignificant amount over the 2020-2030 period.

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